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" (c) The value of the assets of Sri and Srimathi Roberts which have come to light so far during investigation and seized by the police is Rs. 1,02,451-4-9. The Collector has recovered a cash of Rs. 57,451-4-9.

" (d) The case has been entrusted to the Inspector-General of Police for investigation and report. The Government have also sanctioned the filing of a civil suit against Sri and Srimathi Roberts for the recovery of money and attachment of all properties."

SRI M. S. MOGRAL :—" May I know, Sir, how many times has this treasury been audited during this period? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" I cannot answer it off-hand, Sir."

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" Have the Government gone into the question as to how the papers did not disclose these inaccuracies, if there were any, during the time of the audit? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" It was not detected during the time of the audit. In fact, it was found out by another clerk afterwards. The defalcation had been done in such a nice and subtle manner that it could not be easily detected in the normal course."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" Have any persons been prosecuted for defalcation of funds? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" I have already said that the matter had been reported to the Inspector-General of Police. His report is awaited. A civil suit is to be launched against the persons concerned."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Who is the good man who discovered the defalcation? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" He is another clerk by name Vythianathan. But he has also been put under arrest."

SRI M. S. MOGRAL :—" May I know, Sir, how Mrs. Roberts is involved in this offence? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" She is involved probably because some of the properties are held in her name."

Grant of lands for house-sites in Malabar.

* 229 Q.—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Animal Husbandry be pleased to state why the policy of granting 15 cents of land to Harijans for a house-site has not been implemented in Malabar?

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THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—" The matter has already been taken up by the Collector of Malabar and preliminary enquiries are in progress."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Usually the excuse given by the Collector is that he has no staff to enquire into the matter. Will the Government appoint a special Revenue Inspector for this matter? "

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—" It will be considered, Sir."

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" In view of the fact that preliminary investigations are still going on, will the Government give us an assurance that they would provide immediately house-sites for Harijans? "

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—" In answering a similar question the other day, I replied that the case of Malabar is a peculiar one and that special steps have therefore to be taken in this matter. I also told the House that a long note has got to be printed and that the same would be placed on the table of the House after it had been printed. I am afraid I have to give the same answer to this question also, Sir."

DR. K. B. MENON :—" Are the Government aware of the fact that because of the pending Malabar Tenancy Amending Bill, evictions of the poor Harijans from ulkudis are taking place and that it is quite imperative that the Government should take speedy measures to prevent such kind of evictions? "

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—" That particular matter has not been reported to my Department, Sir."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Is it a fact that so far no Harijan has been granted 15 cents of land as adumbrated by that scheme? "

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—" I am afraid I did not give such an answer to that effect to any previous question."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" In answer to an interpellation the other day the Hon. Minister for Harijan Uplift stated that there were no vast tracts of poramboke or waste lands in Malabar which could be leased out to poor Harijans for house-sites. Will the Hon. Minister take into consideration that there are in fact poramboke and wet lands in Malabar which could be leased out to Harijans for providing them with house-sites? "

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—" The matter will be looked into."